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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

CALENDAR ERROR

We erroneously labeled November 21 as Thanksgiving day in our *2013 Visual & Language Art by Louisiana Students* calendar. The correct date for Thanksgiving this year is November 28. We apologize for the error.

LOOK FOR OUR BOOTH AT OCEAN COMMOTION

Staff from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, representing the LEEC, will participate in Ocean Commotion 2013 at the LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center on Tuesday, October 22.

Look for the display of shells and bones we'll be using to illustrate the differences among land-dwelling tortoises, and aquatic or semi-aquatic turtles and terrapins.



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RESOURCES

TED VIDEOS EXPLORE THE SCIENCE OF SUPERHEROES

Austin, TX educator Joy Lin created a 6-video series that explores the "what-ifs" of superpowers. The animated series picks six different superpowers and examines how possible and practical they would be if possessed by mere mortals. They are available at the TED website <http://ed.ted.com/series/?series=superhero-science>.

STEM EDUCATION DATA AND TRENDS WEB TOOL AVAILABLE

Last month the National Science Board releases the [STEM Education Data and Trends](#) tool, which provides important information on the current state of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in the United States through an easy, straightforward interface. Organized as a "timeline" spanning prekindergarten through employment, the web-based statistical tool provides useful insights for all with a vested interest in STEM education: parents, students, teachers, policymakers, and others. The tool has been updated with the most recent federal government data, drawing on the latest edition of the NSB's biennial Science and

LA CAPITOL FOUNDATION OFFERS BLACK BEAR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

In recognition of a native threatened species that has made a remarkable recovery, the foundation presents the 2013 Black Bear Christmas Ornament, depicting Louisiana's official state mammal. You can purchase the ornament, and those from previous years at http://house.louisiana.gov/lacap/default_ORNA.htm.



OPPORTUNITIES

PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD

The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize young people across the U.S. for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's young people.

For more information, visit [EPA's website](#).

DUPONT CHALLENGE OPENS NOV. 15

The DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition will begin accepting entries on November 15. Essayists ages 13 and over, enrolled in grades 7-12, may choose a topic from one of four "challenges."

Find more details and the official entry form at <http://thechallenge.dupont.com/>.

GO BANANAS! CHALLENGE

The Cincinnati Zoo presents the Go Bananas! Challenge Species Saving Contest, encouraging student teams to devise creative campaigns to collect cell phones for recycling and win up to \$5,000 for their school.

For more information, visit <http://cincinnatizoo.org/savingspeciescontest/>.

NOVEMBER PUBLIC SCHOOL SCIENCE CONTEST

The Loh Down on Science offers kids and adults the opportunity to win \$1,000 for their favorite public school. Users can register at <http://www.lohdownonscience.org/forschools/november-contest/>.

SPACE FOUNDATION ACCEPTING TEACHER LIAISON APPLICATIONS

Selected applicants receive Space Foundation training and resources to further integrate space into their classrooms. The program is open to public, private and homeschool teachers and school administrators, including principals, specialists, curriculum and instruction developers and administrators, and others who deliver education programs to students.

For more information, visit the [Space Foundation website](#).

GRANTS

GULF OF MEXICO B-WET APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Because of delays caused by the government shut down, the FY14 Gulf of Mexico B-WET application deadline has been extended. Applications are now due at 11:59 eastern time on November 8, 2013.

Find more information and download the application package at the Department of Commerce grants website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=239413>

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